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1. During the summer of 1951, new barracks were completed in the western section of Sveti Vrach. A unit of approximately 300 infantry soldiers was immediately moved in. The soldiers were equipped with mortars, light antitank weapons, heavy machine guns, light machine guns, submachine guns, and rifles. Quantities and make of the weapons is not known. This infantry unit replaced a Border Guard unit which left for Petrich.
2. Where the Struma River crosses the Bulgarian-Greek border, barbed wire entanglements have been constructed. These entanglements extend to the mountain peaks and run along the border at a distance of from four meters to 500 meters. The entanglements were approximately two and one-half meters high and two meters wide. The wire is strung on wooden poles driven into the ground. There is a plowed swath 10 meters wide right next to the wire entanglements.
3. During the summer of 1951, holes were dug in the foundations of all the road bridges in Sveti Vrach district by engineer troops. Allegedly, the holes were to be used to store explosives for blowing up the bridges. Later in the year the holes were all covered.

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